11. The question does not arise in view of the answer to 10.

12. No. Archaeological work is, however, now carried on more intensively.

13 and 14. These questions do not arise in view of the answer to 12.

Publication work of Archaeologists.

224. Mr. K. J. Antony.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) have any original papers and reports been published by the past and present officers during their tenure of office;

(2) if so, what are they;

(3) have their annual raports been reviewed by distinguished scholars;

(4) if so, copies of these reviews may be placed on the Table?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—(1) Yes.

(2) Vide answer to question No. 222 (2).

(3) Yes.

(4) Copies are placed on the Council Table.

Government review of Archaeological Reports.

225. Mr. K. J. Antony.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) have the Government reviewed these papers or reports;

(2) if so, copies of Government orders may be placed on the Table;

(3) if not, why not;

(4) is the Government reviewing the reports of other Departments;

(5) if so, why an exception, if any, is made in the case of the Archaeological Department;

(6) what is the practice in Travancore and other States of India regarding the reviewing of such reports;

(7) what objection Government have to follow the practice obtaining in these States in this matter also?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—(1) Yes, in a general way in the annual Administration Reports.

(2) Vide annual Administration Reports.

(3) No answer is called for in view of the answer to (1) above.

(4) Yes.

(5) Strictly no exception is made in the case of the Archaeological Department. The only thing is that the Government do not undertake at present any detailed review of the Annual report of this Department as the Department was started only recently and is still in the course of formation.

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(6) Government have in information.

(7) No answer is necessary in view of the answer to 6.

Statement of work, etc., of the Archaeologists.

226. Mr. K. J. Antony.—A. Will the Government be pleased to place on the Table a comparative statement of the following items regarding each of the above officers for each year :—

(1) the total number of days spent in camp;

(2) the number of places and historical sites visited;

(3) the amount of T. A. incurred, with the average per month incurred by each;

(4) the amount of touring charges incurred by each officer;

(5) the cost of equipment per officer per year;

(6) the establishment charges of each;

(7) the number of lithic documents, inscriptions and copper plates examined;

(8) number of times expenditure was incurred by each without previous Government sanction;

(9) the amounts so spent on each occasion;

B. Has the present officer copied or re-copied any inscription and himself deciphered any of the inscriptions copied so far according to his annual reports;

C. Will the Government be pleased to state whether the results achieved are commensurate with the heavy additional expenditure involved?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—A. (1) to (9). Vide statement appended. (*Vide Appendix IV.*)

B. Yes.

C. Yes. Government think so.

Official etiquette and Archaeologists.

227. Mr. K. J. Antony.—Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(1) whether they or any Heads of Departments had any occasion to find fault with the general official etiquette or official irregularities of any of these officers;

(2) if so, a statement may be tabled with the necessary explanatory circumstances and action, if any, taken on the matter?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—(1) and (2). Government do not think that any public purpose is served by answering the questions.

Tenure of office.

228. Mr. K. J. Antony.—Will the Government be pleased to state when is the period of the present Archaeologist's appointment to end?

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